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TOURISM MEETING

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US PROPOSAL TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS FOR US-USSR TOURISM
AGREEMENT REMAIN VALID AND DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO
US PRIVATE OR GOVERNMENT PARTICIPANTS OF VISIT USA COMMIT-
TEE/COUNCIL WORKING GROUP CONFIRMING THIS. IF SOVIETS
INDICATE CHANGE IN ATTITUDE TOWARD US PROPOSAL, THEY SHOULD
BE ADVISED THAT ISSUE CAN BE OFFICIALLY ADDRESSED VIA
DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO DEPARTMENT. GIVEN SOVIET RESPONSE TO
JULY 1977 INITIATIVE, WE HAVE NOT TRIED TO DEFINE MORE
CLEARLY US OBJECTIVES AND POSSIBLE BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED
FROM A TOURISM AGREEMENT. WE THUS BELIEVE IT WOULD BE
PREMATURE FOR EMBASSY TO BE DRAWN INTO DISCUSSION OF
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SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME.
FURTHER, PURSUIT OF SUCH BENEFITS AND OBJECTIVES, IT SEEMS
TO US, CAN BE BEST ACCOMPLISHED IN CONTEXT OF NEGOTIATIONS
WHICH US AT PRESENT HAS NO AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT. VANCE

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